

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:337
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2005
POPULARISATION OF INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Systems of Medicine has not gained importance at the international level;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has made efforts for the development of Indian Systems of Medicine and to make it popular in the global market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the budgetary allocation is not sufficient for proper development of Indian Systems of Medicine;
- (f) if so, whether the Government is considering to increase the fund for the purpose; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

(c)&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(e)&(g): The budgetary allocation of the Department of AYUSH has been increased from Rs.181.00 crore in 2004-05 to Rs.350.00 crore in 2005-06 i.e. 93.4% increase in a single year.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 337 FOR 17TH AUGUST, 2005

Government of India has been striving for the promotion and propagation of the Indian Systems of Medicine abroad. The efforts have gained added momentum after the establishment of a separate Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in 1995. From the year 2001 AROGYA, which a promotional exhibition, is being organized annually at Delhi and now in some of the other larger cities as well. Alongwith the drug manufacturers and practitioners of these systems, Government of India has also participated in presentations-cum-exhibitions abroad to increase awareness about the Indian Systems of Medicine. Government has also prepared documentaries, literature, etc. for promotion and propagation of these systems. There is a global resurgence of interest in Ayurveda and Yoga which is borne out by the increase in the export of drugs of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, plants and plants products, saps and extracts, etc. from Rs.1056.28 crore in 1997-98 to Rs.1227.06 crore in 2003-04. Institutions in such countries as USA, West Indies, Russia and Hungary have requested for experts to teach Ayurveda in these countries. Seeing the growing interest in the Indian Systems of Medicine, seats in selected educational institutions have been reserved for foreign nationals. Special courses are run for professionals from foreign countries at Banaras Hindu University and Gujarat Ayurveda University, which are being attended by professionals from USA, Poland, Germany, Brazil etc.